

JUST YOUR AVERAGE GUY

i don't understand it
the women in florida
are either super model beautiful
or else they look like seals
bashed in the head
no middle ground at all

this of course does not sit well
with someone like me
who's neither handsome
nor ugly
charming nor babbling idiot

just your average guy
looking for your average woman
who is probably in kansas
or oklahoma
or disappeared off the planet

in which case

it's probably a good thing
i'm married

THE DISEASE

"i smack," she said,
"the oriole
riding the rodeo
of
disinfected dreams."

"huh," i said

"but lately the
pontification
of the shedding serpent
slips
into perfection."

"what the hell
are you talking about?"
i said.

"it's poetry," she said.

"well," i said
"cover your mouth, goddammit.
i can't miss
any more days
at work."